

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A process for producing an electrode which comprises forming an electrode precursor comprising a layer comprising an intercalation material, and then applying stabilised lithium metal particles to the surface of the electrode precursor.

2. (Original) A process according to claim 1 wherein the particles are applied to the anode.

3. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ wherein the particles are suspended in a liquid for application to the electrode precursor.

4. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~ wherein the particles are formed into a slurry or suspension and dispersed over the electrode precursor.

5. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~ wherein the particles are applied by electrostatic transfer.

6. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ wherein the particles are fixed to the electrode surface by rolling.

7. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ wherein the stabilised lithium

metal particles are mixed with carbon particles.

8. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ wherein the electrode precursor is a composite electrode precursor comprising an active material and a binder, and prepared using a solvent for the binder.

9. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim ~~8~~ ~~10~~ wherein the active material is carbon.

10. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim ~~8~~ ~~10 or 11~~ wherein the binder is polyvinylidene fluoride (PvdF).

11. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 8 ~~any of claims 8 to 10~~ wherein the process for producing the electrode precursor comprises the steps of

i) mixing the active material, binder and solvent together to achieve a uniform mix

ii) coating the mixture onto a thin copper foil, with controlled evaporation of the solvent

iii) drying the electrode

iv) calendaring the electrode, and

v) vacuum drying the electrode,

before applying the stabilised lithium metal powder to the electrode precursor.

12. (Original) An electrode comprising an intercalation material and a surface coating of stabilised lithium metal particles.

13. (Original) A process for producing a separator for use in a cell comprising an intercalation material which process comprises forming a separator precursor and applying stabilised lithium metal particles to the surface of the separator precursor.

14. (Original) A process according to claim 13 wherein the particles are suspended in a liquid for application to the separator precursor.

15. (Original) A process according to claim 13 wherein the particles are formed into a slurry or suspension and dispersed over the separator precursor.

16. (Original) A process according to claim 13 wherein the particles are applied by electrostatic transfer.

17. (Original) A separator for use in a cell comprising an intercalation material which separator comprises a separator precursor and a surface coating of stabilised lithium metal particles.

18. (Currently Amended) A cell comprising an electrode produced according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 11~~.

19. (Original) A cell comprising an electrode according to claim 12.

20. (Currently Amended) A cell comprising a separator produced according to claim 13 ~~any one of claims 13 to 16~~.

21. (Original) A cell comprising a separator according to claim 17.

22. (Currently Amended) A battery comprising one or more cells according to claim 18 ~~any one of claims 18 to 21~~.